

"Victima haud ulla amplior  
Potest, magisque opima mactari Jovi  
Quam Rex iniquus."  
- Lucius Annaeus Seneca

# GRAUSTARK

#150

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## NEW GAME BEGINS

One week ago registrations were opened for two new GRAUSTARK postal Diplomacy games. Thus far, 12 entries have come in. Of these, 7 have been assigned to a new game, which is tentatively called "Graustark II" pending the assignment of a designation by Charles Wells. Players and their countries are:

ENGLAND: R. C. Walker, 1611 Lowry Drive, Rantoul, Illinois 61866  
FRANCE: Lawrence Peery, 4567 Virginia Avenue, San Diego, California 92115  
GERMANY: Stephen Houston, P. O. Box 25, Zenith, Washington 98073  
ITALY: Michael Childers, Buckner Hall, San Marcos, Texas 78666  
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ivan Musicant, 632 East 221st Street, Bronx, New York 10467  
RUSSIA: Eugene Prosnitz, 200 Clinton Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201  
TURKEY: David Lebling, Box 2234, Burton House, 420 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Countries were assigned by lot. The deadline for "Spring 1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY 1968. Thenceforth moves will take place at two-week intervals.

It seems quite likely that "Graustark II" will fill up early next week. When it does, the country assignments will go out for that game. The deadline for "Spring 1901" moves will be the same in "Graustark II" as in "Graustark I".

Stand-by players for these two games are also needed; the first four people to send in entry fees after the games are full will be stand-bys if they wish. The names and addresses of stand-bys will be given in next Saturday's issue of GRAUSTARK. The stand-by entry fee is also \$3.50. On past experience the Gamesmaster can assure participation in the game to at least the first stand-by, and very likely the second also.

## 1967V PLAYERS PLEASE NOTE

In the "Spring 1906" moves reported in GRAUSTARK #149, the French move "A Bur-Ruh" was unsuccessful, and should have been underlined. This move was stood off by the German "A Kie-Ruh".

## OLD GAMES END

Subscribers, and players in 1965Q and 1966AA, should note the expirations of their subscriptions and renew if necessary. The following subscriptions expire with the indicated copy of GRAUSTARK:

150 Bulmer	153 Bailey	158 Manogg
Cochrane	Nelson	Scolley
151 Warden	Schow	A Aita
152 Levinson	155 MacDonald	E. Thompson
White	157 Linden	Vaughn
		A plus 15 Turner

Subscriptions marked "A" end when 1966AA ceases, which will be very soon now. Subscriptions are 10 issues for \$1.00 from John Boardman, 592 16th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11218. Back issues from #101 are available at 10¢ each. Some earlier issues are available at the same price; inquire for details.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

There are a couple of interesting follow-ups to the review of Vladimir Dedijer's The Road to Sarajevo in GRAUSTARK #144. One is the death, on 23 January 1968, of Ivo Kranjcevic, one of Gavrilo Princip's accomplices in the tyrannicide of 28 June 1914. Kranjcevic, who was 19 at the time, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for his role in the plot.

Kranjcevic (pronounced "Krantsevitch", with the "n" palatalized like the Spanish "n con tilde") was involved in a curious incident during the trial. The Austrian government was attempting to prove that the tyrannicide was plotted by Serbians intent on annexing the South-Slavic regions of the Habsburg Empire. But "Ivo" is a distinctly Hrvats name. So, in the newspaper accounts of the trial, his first name appeared as "Milan", a Serbian name.

The other news report relevant to The Road to Sarajevo deals with its author. Dr. Dedijer had been invited to give a series of lectures at Boston University. However, the State Department has denied him a visa, explaining that "a visit here by him at this time would be untimely". This distinguished historian, who has been outspoken in the defense of intellectual liberty in his own Yugoslavia, and of peace in all the world, has become yet another casualty of our government's senseless and conscienceless warfare against a suppositious "international Communist conspiracy".

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What player has won a 7-man game in the fewest number of years? And who (aside, of course, from the winner of the first game or so) has won his first postal Diplomacy game?

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A new postal Diplomacy bulletin, Xanadu, will shortly be published by Norman McLeod of 906 Kimberwicke Road, McLean, Virginia 22101. Game fees are \$3.00 for the first game, \$2.00 for the second game, and \$1.50 for the third game. Xanadu will appear at the rate of one move every 3 weeks, with 10 days for builds.

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Valhalla, a new postal Diplomacy bulletin edited by John Koning, will make its appearance in April. It is backed by the publishers of Strategy and Tactics. It will appear every three weeks, for \$2.00 per year. Koning is offering a combination subscription to both sTab and Valhalla for \$3.00 a year. There will be no fee for players. Koning's address is Apt.1, 2008 Sherman, Evanston, Ill. 60201.

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This publication is not edited under the supervision of Bangs Leslie Tapscott.

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"Wars are precipitated by motives which the statesmen responsible for them dare not publicly avow. A public discussion would drag these motives in their nudity into the open, where they would die of exposure to the withering contempt of humanity." - David Lloyd George (1863-1945)

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Allan Calhamer can for the time being be reached c/o Sr. Wolfgang Scheidig, Cia. Anonima Tabacalera, Santiago, Republica Dominicana.

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"Your editorial attacking the 'unwashed demonstrators' at the Pentagon peace protest was up to your usual high liberal standards. However, you should also have attacked the washed demonstrators - the tens of thousands of veterans, teachers, scientists, mothers, businessmen, etc., who were also in that crowd, and who were just as bad as the unwashed contingent.

"Such people are a growing menace. They do not believe what they are told and they do not take orders. If such tendencies are allowed to continue, soon everybody will be thinking for himself and anarchy will result.

"The latest Gallup poll shows how far this corrosive tendency has entered into our society - more people are against the government's war in Vietnam than are in favor of it. Under such conditions, the government certainly cannot trust the people any longer, and the recent antidemonstration laws and antitravel laws will do little to save us.

## 1966AA - PRESS RELEASES

ST. PEERIGRAD: Dr. Ernesto Pauling, resident professor at the University of St. Peerigrad and recent winner of the Peery Prize for his development of a vaccine for the cure of Peoritis today called a press conference to inform the world press that his studies had led him to the conclusion that several heads of state were suffering from the disease. Said the good doctor: "an examination of the past history of the Infant Prince James shows that he suffers not only from Peoritis but an extreme case of "pol-lutius schmolnikitius cerebrum" a disease noted for the presence of a particularly offensive odor around the sufferer. Dr. Pauling also confirmed that the Express ((sic)) Lucrezia was suffering from an advanced case of Peoritis. The dowager ruler appears to be beyond hope although with these new "wonder drugs" you never know. The most pathetic case concerns one Carl Turnoff, an obscure, though vocal cabinet minister in the Balkans. His case, characterized by the worst case of vocal discharge I have ever seen will require intense surgery. I expect to leave shortly to conduct the operation myself. It will be even more interesting to discover if Turnoff has a heart - which is a subject for much debate in the academic world."

ST. PEERIGRAD: The Progressive Peorism Party today announced it had officially endorsed the candidacy of Sen. U. Gene McCarthy Frantic for the office of Grand Vizir. Said Party spokesman Jon. M. Baileo: "In a Peorocracy there is room for everybody. Nobody has to sleep in the inns, stables, or streets."

ST. PEERIGRAD: Weather: Continued hot air masses over Rome. Chills over the eastern Mediterranean. A large low pressure area expected to bring heavy showers over the Peoritime Alps.

ST. PEERIGRAD: Returning from an extensive tour of his northern domains, James, Holy Roman Emperor, today reported to the people on the state of affairs in some of his distant possessions: "We found the usual crowds of hysterical peasants waiting to greet us with open arms and open fists. In spite of bad weather we did manage to get out and mingle with the natives, especially those recently unhoused by floods of Turner juice pouring out of the Berkeley Mountains. We also paid a visit to the Periland National Game Preserve to check the status of our Imperial Rabbits and saw that they were being well cared for. We also found the usual corruption among local officials however the rolling of a few head ((sic)) should remedy that speedily."

ST. PEERIGRAD: The PPP Broadcasting Co. announced this month that they were commissioning a new major television spectacular to be called "War and Peace" based on the famous novel by Leopold Peoricelli. Casting, etc. was still undecided but selected to direct the work was none other than the noted artist John Crackot Critckot of Morning-side Heights, New York.

ST. PEERIGRAD: Botche Turner still hasn't found all his marbles. AND WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO CLEAN UP THAT ROOM CHARLIE?

ST. PEERIGRAD: Yes, it's true. Charles Turner is really none other than Lorenzo Peoricelli. The two are blood-brothers - or at least they come from the same egg. Of course Charlie's an omlot and Peoricelli's scrambled but what's a few crushed yolks among friends....?

NEW YORK (URRP): The Japanese luxury liner Magoo Maru entered New York harbor today - first it caromed off Sandy Hook, then it tried in vain to enter a ferry slip on Staten Island, and finally it disembarked its passengers at Riker's Island. First off the ship was Mrs. Svetsoxa Hullabalua, who claims to be Princess Svetsoxa, daughter of the Empress Lucrezia of Balkania. She was accompanied by the publisher Mutinus Nightstand, who this week brings out the fourth volume of her memoirs, and by the noted surgeon Dr. Pithecanthrovich. The surgeon was ecstatic over his success in bringing the Princess out of her trance with intramuscular injections of polybarroom fluoride. Mr. Nightstand looks forward with pleasure to marketing yet more of the Princess's disclosures on the immorality, corruption, and decadence of the Bordscha courts. The Pulp Hacks United for Creativity are anticipating yet bigger contracts from Mr. Nightstand relating to these memoirs. And the Princess?

"Gee, I hope I can get my job on the docks back," she told reporters. "Mr. Nightstand says it would only confuse the writers if I talked to them. But I've been away from my longshore gang for so long that they've probably hired six men to replace me."

ST. PEERIGRAD: Doctor Boardman, the internationally acclaimed film walked away with the major awards last night at the 4th annual St. Peerigrad Film Festival. PPP Films, an affiliate of T. T. T. Publications, received a special award from the industry for "outstanding contributions to the film-making art". Morris Schesternack received a Snoopy Award for outstanding adaptation of a source to the motion picture medium. The young American actor Ian Ham received the best actor award while his leading lady Phyllis Curtain received the best actress award. In addition the fabulous story of the Brooklyn Insurrection of 1966 received fourteen other awards.

Best supporting actor award went to Canadian star Deric Nielson for his performance in The Carling Bottle Affair, a super-spy drama. Best supporting actress went to the Italian sex symbol Margurite Gemibridgia for her role in The Doctor and I, a story of Italian abortion rings.

The award for the best documentary went to 21st Century Unlimited Studies for its story of the 1967 fight to eliminate the world-wide plague of Peeritis.

The award for the best fairy tale went to Libby's Ltd. of London (ILL) for its animated short subject, The Jolly Greene Giant.

A special award was given to Hatikvah Enterprises for its story Nasser: A Profile in Stupidity.

Of course the real shocker was the absence of an award for a best science fiction award this year. Although there were three nominations: Erehwon, Star-Fleck, and 1968 the large number of blank ballots convinced judges that no awards should be given.

The funniest side-light during the ceremonies came when Dr. Benjamin Spook, the noted cosmatologist, was asked to present the annual industry's Hershey Award to veteran actor Jon Wain. Spook looked a little shocked as he made the presentation.

BROOKLYN (URRP): Radio Station WANG, part of Mutinus Nightstand's publishing empire, today announced the Top Five song hits:

1. "I Am the Walrus", Ian Plankman.
2. "Air Force Blues", Rodney and the Reservists.
3. "I Read the News Today, Hoo-Ha!", Harry and the Bookworms.
4. "Ballad for Billy Patrick", the Peerees.
5. "I Didn't Raise My Boy to be a Survivor", Shirley Topple.

#### THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

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It is time for a final solution.

"Obviously, the government should overthrow the people and elect a new people that truly represents it." - Robert Wilson, letter, Chicago Daily News, 1 November 1967 (with thanks to Harry Manogg, the freehand vexillologist of Kankakee).

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"STOCKS DECLINE ON PEACE MOVE - Biggest Losers Include Blue Chips and Glamour Issues - Dow Index Falls 4.74.

"The stock market took its worst beating in more than three weeks yesterday as the list declined sharply in heavy trading.

"Analysts noted that the market was reacting to uncertainties over reports of recent Vietnam peace feelers...

"The market's basic weakness yesterday apparently resulted from President Johnson's announcement that he was sending Chester Bowles...to Cambodia to discuss reconciliation of the two nations." - New York Times, 5 January 1968.

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Supplies of LEFTOVERS #2, our new genzine, are exhausted. The real completists can still get LEFTOVERS #3 (two pages) by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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With one month yet to go before the deadline, readers of OPERATION AGITATION publications have sent in 41 ballots on the 1968 Presidential Poll. Most ballots come in with bitter comments about the poor range of choices afforded. If you haven't sent in your ballot, please do so soon. If you didn't receive a ballot yet, write for one. The same goes for the Eleven Foot Poll for science-fiction and fantasy fans.

## THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

WILLIAM LEE LINDEN, 83-33 Austin Street, Kew Gardens, N. Y. 11415: The holiday cease-fire being over (the noble nationalist agrarian reformers kept attacking all through it in multi-thousand strength, but I'm sure they're terribly sorry about that). On the other hand, there's that American officer who refused to aid attacked ARVN units during the "cease-fire", which I seems to tell something about the two sides.) ((Sic.)) I will resume tearing you apart.

((U. S. radio and newspapers said that the Communists violated the truce. Radio Moscow said that the U. S. violated the truce. If you think that either of those is more worthy of credit than the other, then you have more faith in the Great God State than I am capable of mustering.)) This is

...Really, using a Conan story in your rogues gallery of quotations (that one about barbarism being the natural state of man) is wrenching it out of context. In the first place, I do not see how that can be classed as advocating war. In the second place, it is an expression of the noble savage myth which permeates the Hyborian cycle, Conan or Kull being contrasted with the decadent treacherous "civilized" men. O At  
P Great  
E Intervals  
R This  
A Appears  
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((The quotation, which was printed in GRAUSTARK #142, is an accurate representation of Howard's own views. This assessment is the result of impressions I have gathered from reading Howard's poems and letters, and from people who have studied his works in detail - principally L. Sprague de Camp. Howard was a Texas frontiersman, who scorned the civilized man as effete. And what is war but institutionalized barbarism, free from the restraints of civilization? In support of this I cite René Quinton, quotations from whose works appear on p. 9. Quinton is no armchair warrior; he was wounded 8 times and decorated by 4 countries. If he praises the release from civilized restraints which a soldier enjoys, I am prepared to believe that this is a major motivation of those who go to war.)) I Inflamm  
O Optic  
N Nerves

I have successfully resisted the fiend's temptation to send in a press release for 1966AA. # 757

Hearing that the President is relieved that the Communists have lost their grip on Indonesia, you equate this with enjoying the death of people. Well, I'm sure you are glad the Fascists were defeated in World War II. Therefore, you "take solace" in the destruction of Dresden, the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the rape of Berlin, etc., etc., ((non sequitur)) and you are a bloodthirsty pervert on as large or a greater scale than Johnson. Shinbone logic fumbles again.

Those poems are puerile emotionalism, and you only hurt your reputation by printing such trash.

My objection to the leading form of the ballot proposal in the Cambridge ((sic)) was its presentation of the assumption that if the foreign devils will leave everything will be lovely and all will live happily ever after in brotherhood, rather than the terrorist establishing another Communist police state by force.

Speaking of terrorism, I have yet to hear one feeble peep from you self-styled "pacifists" and "liberals" about the Dakson massacre, where the VC killed hundreds of villagers with flame throwers after they refused to provide recruits. As I recall, 70% of the victims were women and children. ((Just like the Sand Creek Massacre, eh?)) Silence on such things when they are perpetrated by the National Enslavement Front seems to me to indicate something about the sincerity of "pacifists".

((This, of course, assumes that any such thing as this actually took place at Dakson. Since Assistant Secretary of Defense Arthur Sylvester once asserted that the government has "a right to lie" in time of crisis, this assumption might well be unwarranted.))

First you assume the Establishment of a concerted campaign to suppress dissent. Then, in "The Idea of War", you advocate suppression of those filthy warmongers who dare to disagree with you. I think I detect a mite of inconsistency there.

And will you get rid of that idea that anyone who approves a government policy is a "lover of war" per se like that handfull of cranks whose quotations you use?

((Handful of cranks? Let's see - that list includes a President of the United States, a President of France, a King of England, two members of the German Imperial

family, a founder of the Protestant Reformation, a cleric who was virtually Pope of the Western Hemisphere, three intellectuals officially endorsed and patronized by heads of state, and in addition seven generals and two admirals. Cranks? Oh, yes! But they were cranks of considerably more influence than you or I are likely to exert.))

If the majority of the population is against the war, how does the pro-war majority in Congress (whom you characterize as "evil people") keep getting re-elected? The whole country is gerry-mandered, maybe?

((No. I voted for a "peace candidate" in 1964. What they do, simply, is lie.))

STEPHEN P. HUESTON, P. O. Box 25, Zenith, Wash. 98073: I would be one of the last ones to deny you your right to express you ((sic)) opinions. In fact, to a certain degree, I agree with your opinions. What I do object to is your choice of words.

I also agree with Charles Wells and Rod Walker that free thought requires an interchange of ideas. But on the other hand I prefer my opinions to be clothed in decent language. In fact I wouldn't show your last few issues to my girl friend.

((Why? Is she about to be drafted?))

Like I said, I don't care what you say. But I strongly object to the language you employ to say it. I trust that in the future you will use more acceptable language.

HENRY MANOGG, P. O. Box 769, Kankakee, Ill. 60901: Really enjoyed "War Games and the Game of War", Part III.

MICHAEL S. MILLER, 9611 Watts Branch Drive, Rockville, Md. 20850: I feel that your original ruling was correct ((see 1967U, "Winter 1906", in GRAUSTARK #149)) and that this one is contrary to Calhoun's rules...An army which has just been driven out of a province from a particular province would not be in position to oppose the entry of another army behind the victorious army.

((In the disputed move, A German move "A St.P-Norway" stood off a Russian "F Norwegian Sea-Norway"; neither entered Norway. Meanwhile, the German army was attacked from Norway with support from Moscow, and dislodged. These adjudications were fully in accordance with the rulebook.))

DAVE LEBLING, Box 2234, Burton House, 420 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Mass. 02139: Your articles on war have been, if nothing else, interesting. I have just one comment. If you can assure me that at the same time the United States capacity to make war is destroyed, the like capacities of at least Russia and China are destroyed, then and only then will I join the International Pacifist Conspiracy.

((This argument assumes that the United States maintains its armed forces solely as a defense against foreign armies devoted to our conquest. Since this argument was never tenable, and dissolves into fog now that the United States has forces stationed in over 40 countries, discussion based on it would be pointless.))

...On a different but related subject: Have you read Kahn and Weiner's book, The Year 2000. As a person interested in Economics, Political Science, Science Fiction, and Diplomacy, it gripped me. I know you share those interests, and would recommend it highly, if only for the science-fictional scenarios of international relations in the next 33 years. The scenario on "Eroded Democracy: 1975, 1985" will be of special interest to you, I think.

((I rather doubt that Herman Kahn is really interested in the year 2000, since his earlier works seem devoted towards making sure that we don't live to see it. I would classify his opinions not so much as "science-fiction" as "weird-horror".))

BOB WARD, 2704 S Street, Sacramento, Calif. 95816: Your comments about William Patrick show an unfortunate lack of information about California politics. First off, William Penn Patrick originally presented himself to the electorate as a moderate. Only when this did not sell did he try to out conservative Reagan. I still am not completely sure just what his real politics is although he has apparently decided the wave of the future is conservatism.

((DO I show my age if I say where I've heard that phrase before?))

Your comments on Patrick as a vice presidential nominee of the Patriotic Party are wholly inaccurate. The Party has not actually even selected its nominees yet. What actually happened was Robert De Fugh offered the nomination for the Presidency to Wallace (not nominated) if Wallace would accept Patrick as his running mate. The whole deal fell through when Patrick publicly indicated he would not accept the vice presidential spot if nominated.



((I hadn't heard that. Thanks.))

California political alliances being what they are I have some ties into the Patrick camp myself in spite of working in Social Welfare and consider many of his supporters to be less than the "conservative gun nuts" you picture.

Larry Peery probably will not respond so I hope this clears up the situation somewhat.

((Oh, on the contrary. See the following.))

LARRY PEERY, 4567 Virginia Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92115: In regard to your, what I consider a personal affront, I am printing my own comments and in addition I offer these:

I have, do, and will support a broad spectrum of political candidates. It ranges from (in the past) FIER to Adlai Stevenson. Currently it ranges from Theodore Kennedy ((who?)) to Mark Hatfield. It does not encompass Wallace, Powell, or McCarthy. Candidates are one thing. The President of the United States is quite another. The above I can support (referring to the Kennedy-Hatfield spectra ((sic))) ideologically. Some others, Bobby Kennedy, etc. I do not support for personality reasons, regardless of ideology. This applies to McCarthy as well. Others, who I disagree with ideologically, such as Dirksen, Margaret Chase Smith, etc. I have great personal respect for. And, in all cases I would support a good conservative or a good liberal over a bad conservative or a bad liberal. In this case I personally define the following as:

good conservative: Dirksen, Roggan / not to imply I would vote for him/,

good liberal: Percy, Hatfield, Humphrey, Theodore Kennedy ((There's that man again - who is he?)), Clark,

bad conservative: Wallace, Tower

bad liberal: James McGroger Burns "sigh...."

opportunist: Bobby Kennedy, Wallace, Powell, Patrick.

Moderate: Johnson - yes, I do think so - and I will vote for him.

These are pure gut reactions. I don't expect you to buy them are ((sic)) anybody else to - though I suspect more people would agree with me than you.

Now, it so happened that this year I am contributing \$100 to the International Red Cross instead of making any political contributions. I urge all to do likewise. Parties have more than enough money.

((Just so it gets to the International Red Cross. The U. S. branch has a bad habit of labelling blood in its blood banks by the donor's color.))

So, Mr. Boardman, I expect an apology. And, if you print this, please, no comments or insinuations. I'm tired of your character assassination and guilt by association.

((I seem to have been misinformed about Patrick, and apologize for any statement made on that misconception. The man seems to be a petty opportunist. I think it well for the reputation of the American Left that Joe McCarthy wasn't born 15 years earlier; Patrick seems another such man on the make for whatever looks politically appealing.))

One thing I would have hoped you might have covered, not as controversial perhaps but maybe more important. Two things in fact. One, the rejection of the proposed State Constitution revision in New York. Two, the degenerating quality of the New York Public School system. Perhaps as a teacher you are concerned with those? Perhaps you should be instead of Vietnam.

((The Constitution had substantial improvements in the fields of social welfare and civil liberties, but these were more than counterbalanced by the provision which allowed public money to church schools. I voted against it, as did 70% of the voters. The school system is deteriorating because among other things the Legislature votes over \$100 per capita per year less for the city kids than for upstaters. Nor is the city permitted by the Legislature's upstate majority to tap tax sources which might help out. And the people, public and private, who make the important decisions (the Mayor, e. g.) send their own kids to private schools and couldn't care less. Finally, the war in Vietnam costs this city over \$1,000,000,000 in taxes which might help out with this problem.))

## THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

## Chapter XLIII

Despite the protestations of Secret Agent O-O-Hate and his teen-age assistant Burner, the Pretorian Guards hauled them off to the dungeons.

"Holy Fiddles!" Burner exclaimed. "Why did Nero get so mad when we told him that we were fighting against the sinister forces of World Peace?"

"I don't know, Burner," replied O-O-Hate, who in civilian life is Clark Gansel, mild-mannered comic book collector of Bugle, Pennsylvania. "Rome conquered a great empire with war. Even if I had known that Dr. Pourguerre's matter transmitter would get us to Rome too early, I wouldn't have figured that Nero would be a Pacifist."

The guards hauled the agents into a dingy row of dungeon cells below the Circus - "Handy to the lions," one of them exclaimed. "And don't none of you be hiding stones in yer clothes fer the lions to break their teeth on. Them cats cost money!" Locking the agents in securely, they marched off.

"Psst!" came a voice from the next cell. "What are you guys in for?" The man spoke Greek, which was familiar to both the agents - O-O-Hate had helped overthrow three Greek governments, while Burner was a seminarian at the Blessed Balthasar Gerard Seminary.

"We really don't know," O-O-Hate replied. "The Emperor just ordered us here."

"The Emperor himself, eh?" the other prisoner said. "Well, they'll get rid of you quick." The man scratched his shaggy hair vigorously; the Americans shuddered to think with what vermin they might be sharing their cell. "At's too bad, too; you're the only guys here whose Greek is worse than mine."

"Actually," said Burner, "we're fighting for the American Way of War. We came to Rome to try to talk the peacenik Pope out of the error of his ways, and to get him to support the never-ending struggle against the International Pacifist Conspiracy."

"Okay, go ahead."

"What do you mean?" O-O-Hate asked.

"Go ahead. I'm the Pope."

((Mystery upon mystery! Unravel this thread in the next installment, in GRAUSTARK #151.))

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF BEAUCOUILLON - XVI

When James VI of Scotland came to the English throne in 1603, he began to crusade against the newly introduced habit of tobacco. This campaign began to have repercussions in distant Beaucouillon. The elderly Cardinal d'Avino advised Grand Duke Ganymedes VIII "to bringe unto himselfe all manere of smugleres and canny pedlars, wherewith to provyde meanes for purveying tobacco into ye Brytysshe Isles, that in despyte of Kyng James his ord'nances and ordnances, wee may bee factors of tobacco unto all his reaumes, to owre own grete profytte". Ganymedes rejected this advice, saying "Yt is not meete, that wee as a souveraine prynce should see undermyne another souveraine prynce, and especiallye one whose manner of pryvate living doth so agree and conforme wyth owre own."

However, in 1605 Ganymedes was poisoned by his nephew and successor Fortunato XI, who felt that in thus rejecting a chance to turn a ducat for the Grand Duchy his predecessor was unfit to rule. Soon he gathered at his court certain young Englishmen who "were most dyscomfited by Kyng James, and shewed theyr disaffection by a strange manere of dress, wherebye they wente clene-shaven, and wore theyr hayre clipt short, and theyr trewesers of loose cut, and dyd most continuallye smoeke tobacco". These men smuggled into England not only tobacco in despite of the royal ban, but also introduced new fashions of dancing and music "the whych dyd most greatly affright ye Kyng and ye Estates, soe that they dyd rant about ye swtlandish maneres of ye yowthe, and majke mickel sport of theyr dresse and theyr protest ayenst ye banne on tobacco, and ayenst warre". But, despite the best efforts of the King, the smugglers brought in so much tobacco that the ban became unenforceable. By the time it was repealed, Beaucouillon had profited to the extent of 15 million ducats.



# DIRECTORY OF UNFAMILIAR QUOTATIONS - III

In law, the "equal time" principle does not apply to the press. And it is obvious that whatever effect GRAUSTARK possesses must be more than counterbalanced by newspapers of over two million daily circulation which favor war. However, the dictates of fair play require that equal space be given to pro-war viewpoints, even in so strongly an anti-war journal as GRAUSTARK. Presentations of the pro-war viewpoint follow.

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"The voluptuary is wrong to think that he knows happiness. His most exquisite joys cannot compare with the exaltation of being under fire." - Rene Quinton (1866-1925), Maxims on War.

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"Civil life is hedged around with prohibitions that make liberty a mockery. There man is stifled, but in war he is released. In war all things are permitted, and the soldier, possessing nothing, is yet the king of the world." - Ibid.

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"Reproduction is not the design of nature, only essential reproduction. The primary mission of the male is not to reproduce himself but to kill and be killed." - Ibid.

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"The law of the blood between males of the same species is a law of murder and danger. War is a link in the chain of racial continuity." - Ibid.

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"Pacifism is an outrage on the dignity of man. It would deny him his only majestic quality, the knowledge how to die." - Ibid.

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"Hatred is the natural business of life." - Ibid.

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"The warrior is...the salvation of the race." - Ibid.

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"The taste for war is an essential quality of the male." - Ibid.

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"The field of battle is to man as still water to the swan, the place where he can show forth his majesty." - Ibid.

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"It is the rigor of war that makes it holy." - Ibid.

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"In war all men are saints." - Ibid.

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"It is on man's ability to conquer the desire to live that the race depends." - Douglas Francis Jerrold (1893- ), introduction to Quinton, A Soldier's Testament.

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"The hero is he who desires death." - Ibid.

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"It is the man who refuses to die, not the man who dies, who ceases to be a hero." - Ibid.

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"This is my rifle. There are many like it but this one is mine. My rifle is my best friend. It is my life. I must master it as I master my life.

"My rifle, without me, is useless. Without my rifle, I am useless. I must fire my rifle true. I must shoot straighter than my enemy who is trying to kill me. I must shoot him before he shoots me. I will.

"My rifle and myself know that what counts in this war is not the rounds we fire, the noise of our burst, nor the smoke we make. We know that it is the hits that count. We will hit.

"My rifle is human, even as I, because it is my life. Thus, I will learn it as a brother....We will become part of each other....

"Before God I swear this creed. My rifle and myself are the defenders of my country. We are the masters of our enemy. We are the saviors of my life.

"So be it, until victory is America's and there is no enemy, but peace." - Parris Island Marine Yearbook

"There is no better way to fight than going out to shoot Vietcongs, and there is nothing I love better than killing Cong. No sir." - General J. F. Hollingsworth.

"Our job is not to hold real estate but to destroy people." - General Wallace M. Greene Jr., Vietnam, 1967.

"We must ourselves be prepared to undertake military operations against vulnerable Communist regimes." - Major-General Barry M. Goldwater, USAFR.

"There remains as a formative power only the warlike, 'Prussian' spirit - everywhere and not in Germany alone...He whose sword compels victory here will be lord of the world. The dice are ready for this stupendous game. Who dares to throw them?" - Oswald Spengler (1886-1936), The Hour of Decision.

"If we study the pages of history we find that they are traversed as with a red thread by the doctrine of the necessity of warlike capacity in a people." - Crown Prince Wilhelm (1882-1951).

"That nation which possesses the power of self-control to limit its daily pleasures in order to accumulate national sinews of war; which, to put it crudely, would rather drink a little less beer and smoke a few less cigars in order to procure more guns and ships, that nation at the time acquires the right to assert its individuality and to bequeath the mental assets which it has won for itself in the course of centuries to its own people and to humanity." - Hans Delbrueck (1848-1929).

"It is necessary that our civilization build its temple on mountains of corpses, on an ocean of tears, and on the death cries of men without number." - Gottlieb, Graf von Haeseler (1836-1919).

"The Bible nowhere prohibits war...Although war was raging in the world in the time of Christ and His Apostles, still they said not a word of its unlawfulness and immorality." - General Henry W. Hallock (1815-1872), Military Art and Science, 1846.

"We must hate with every fiber... We must lust for battle; our object in life must be to kill; we must scheme and plan night and day to kill." - General Lesley J. McNair (1883-1944), Time, 7 December 1942.

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